

campaign finance reform in over a decade. S. 1219, the McCain-Feingold regulation, has the support of a coalition of 30 grass-roots organizations and editorial board from all across America. Last year LINDA SMITH, CHRIS SHAYS, and I introduced the House version of this campaign finance reform bill. H.R. 2566, the Bipartisan Clean Congress Act, was the result of months and months of negotiations between groups of Democrats and Republicans. Both bills are a remarkable example of what can happen when Members put aside their partisan differences and sit down to the same table to try to make Congress more accountable.

H.R. 2566 eliminates PACs, caps lobbyist donations, requires 60 percent of campaign contributions to originate in a candidate's home State. It eliminates loopholes and large political party contributions and sets voluntary spending limits, offering candidates discounted broadcast time and large mailings if they sign a pledge not to spend any more than \$600,000.

If enacted, the Bipartisan Clean Congress Act will halt special interest influence in Washington and really clear the way for the truly representative democracy which our forefathers envisioned 200 years ago.

Now, it is difficult to change a system that is so favorable to incumbents, given the fact incumbents have access to PAC and lobbyist contributions. They help us win reelection in the Congress over 90 percent of the time. Incumbents receive 70 percent of their PAC contributions in each cycle. Seventy percent of all PAC contributions go to incumbents. Compare that with less than 12 percent for challengers; less than 12 percent.

Mr. Speaker, the time for campaign finance reform is now. We have to act in this Congress while we have a President willing to sign this bill. Let us give President Clinton this bipartisan bill and pass it into law.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2618

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2618.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. DORNAN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HASTERT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

VACATION OF SPECIAL ORDER AND GRANTING OF SPECIAL ORDER

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentlewoman from Ohio.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO ADAM DARLING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise on the third anniversary of the day on which I took the oath of office 3 years ago in this Chamber to replace then-Congressman Leon Panetta, who had gone to work in the White House as head of OMB.

Standing in the well before me, I thanked the California State legislature, which I had left the night before, for the good work they were doing in guiding the State of California. At the same time I paid tribute to my mother, who had died of cancer while I was in the Peace Corps; and to my sister, who was killed while visiting me in the Peace Corps.

In the gallery at the time was my father, Fred Farr, and my sister, Francesca Farr. Also in the gallery from my district was Rev. Darrell Darling and his son Adam Darling, who grew up in Santa Cruz, part of the district I now represent.

Tonight, on the third anniversary, I want to pay tribute to that beautiful young man, Adam Darling, who lost his life in the plane crash with Secretary Ron Brown in Bosnia.

Adam Darling died doing precisely what he wanted: serving his country while working to make the world a better place. He was an eternal optimist. Adam had once offered to ride his bike across this country from his home State of California to Washington, DC for then-Governor Bill Clinton because he felt that he could make a difference in the 1992 presidential race just by riding a bicycle across the Nation. After the election he ended up in Washington working for the Commerce Department.

When I arrived to be sworn into Congress, Adam was there to meet me. He brought his father, Rev. Darrell Darling, with him from Santa Cruz all the way here to Washington, DC. According to his father, Adam Darling was a leader among his peers, his friends, his family and in his work. His leadership grew from a keen and uncluttered mind, a character free of shame, given or received, and thoroughly generous in spirit.

He was very realistic about both public policy and public service and the limitations and temptations of both. Adam's realism never was cynical. "When you decide to make a difference

where there is risk, you cannot calculate the cost or be guaranteed delivery from pain or loss. Bosnia is a land of grief and turmoil and none of us are immune from it." Those were the words of his father upon learning of his son's death.

Adam was working for the Commerce Department when I arrived. He served on the staff of the press office for several months before becoming a personal assistant to the Deputy Secretary for 2 years. Adam was also instrumental in bringing state-of-the-art science to the central coast and to the country. Just 1 year ago he helped organize the first-ever link between the classrooms across America and marine biologists working in the Monterey Bay.

Ron Brown had asked Adam to handle press relations and advance planning for the economic development mission in Bosnia. According to Adam's family, Adam saw it as an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the peace effort where it was severely needed.

Rather than working hard to gain personal attention, Adam worked hard for the sheer pleasure of doing well and the satisfaction of knowing he had helped make someone else's life a little more livable.

Adam saw life as an opportunity to serve the world, telling his family at the age of 5 that he would be President of the United States someday; a young boy made his commitment to bettering the country at any cost. During the few years that he was afforded, Adam worked with the dedication and commitment of a President and accomplished more for the good of humankind during his lifetime than many even attempt in 100 years.

The loss of Adam Darling and 34 others in Bosnia will be sorely felt by all and will remain in our hearts as a memorial to all who pay the highest cost possible in order to keep the world by serving their country. I want to thank the Darlings for being here on this day of my anniversary of being sworn into Congress, and I want to pay tribute to Adam Darling who was here to greet me when I first arrived, and wish that he was still here today.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me this time to pay tribute to this great young American.

WHITEWATER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I was kind of distressed today when I turned on the television set and saw the report that came out from the Senate Banking Committee on Whitewater. I was not upset about the report; I was upset about how it was presented by the media and that it was pooh-poohed as though it was nothing significant.